

# Griffmen Will Have Shortest Training Season of Any Major League Club

## CLUB'S TRAINING SEASON SHORT ONE

Three Weeks Only to Be Allotted in Conditioning Players for Games.

## CHICAGO SHORTENS UP

Clubs in General Appear to Be Cutting Down on All Preliminaries.

Clark Griffith's Nationals are going to have the shortest training season of any of the major league clubs this year. Griffith's players will spend but three weeks at Augusta, Ga., before taking the road for the few exhibition games.

Only one other club in major league baseball, the Chicago Americans, will have anywhere near as short a period in getting ready for the opening of the big leagues. Comiskey's White Sox will be but a month in preparation, according to the Old Roman.

For one thing, Griffith has very few players who need looking over this year. Other teams with a host of rookies who must be weeded out have to spend six and eight weeks in preparation.

## Expense Too Great.

The expense of carrying a lot of dead weight through five weeks or longer of training season has been too great a burden on clubs. Few players are ever landed for the big show in this manner, and the trend of the last year or so has been in favor of fall tryouts under fire and the cutting down of the actual squad for spring work.

Pitchers are generally gotten at work earlier than the other players. Griffith is particularly fortunate in having a competent pitching corps.

Walter Johnson, McCall, Harry Harper, Doc Ayers, Lefty Thomas, and Mollie Craft the Old Fox looks ready to start.

The other players were for the most part fixtures last year, and will probably be on the job again this season, although Griffith has made no decisions as yet. Players have yet to be signed, and it is rumored several cuts are expected.

## Games Will Tell.

According to the present dope, the Griffmen will play no exhibition games at Atlanta this spring with other big league clubs. Efforts are being made to stage contests at Chattanooga, Tenn., with the Reds.

Mathewson's Cincinnati team will be played several engagements before the team arrives here. Other real workouts will be held on the local grounds, when the Phillies are encountered on April 6, 7 and 8.

Barring accidents, the players will report in tip-top shape. Johnson, Miller, McBride, Foster, and Williams generally go through preliminary workouts during the winter. These veterans have declared the Charlotteville weather has done their early workouts a deal of harm, and has generally set them back.

## Different This Year.

Atlanta's balmy climate is expected to put the athletes in fine fettle, and while the training season is the shortest of any of the major league clubs, results are expected to be satisfactory.

Miller, Smith and Rice are almost sure to be given the nod for the berth this year. Monoskey, Bentley, Horace Miller, and Acosta are sure to be looked over again.

## AFTER JUMPING MARK

Worthington, Dartmouth, Star, Hopes to Better his Record.

No athlete in the United States will be watched with greater interest during the year that is just starting than Harry Worthington, the splendidly consistent broad jumper who represents Dartmouth College and the Boston Athletic Association.

Unquestionably Worthington has it in him to beat the American record for his specialty. For three years now he has stood at the head of the pack as broad jumper, being a unanimous All-American selection for that event in 1914, 1915, and 1916. In those three years he has suffered but one defeat in a scratch competition. Platt Adams beat him in the National A. U. championships at Baltimore in September, 1914.

The Dartmouth star should have his best season this year. He is a senior in college, which means that the intercollegiate championships next May will mark his passing as a university athlete. It is only natural that Worthington should make a particular effort to outdo himself in his last appearance in the Dartmouth colors, and if he gets a good day we may look for at least a new intercollegiate record when the quiet young fellow from Hanover, N. H., strips to defend his title in the big college meet.

Worthington came perilously near to smashing the three-year-old long jump record at Cambridge last May. He learned from an official after the big college that Harry "took a chance" and let himself out on his very last effort in the finals and cleared the tremendous distance of 24 feet 7 1/2 inches, only to lose the honor because he misjudged his take-off slightly and fouled.

Harry Hillman, the Dartmouth coach, is going to groom Worthington for his last campaign as a college athlete with utmost care. Working along these lines, Hillman kept the triple champion off of the gridiron last fall and has not allowed Worthington to put a jumping shoe on since the national championships at Newark last September.

## WILL RETAIN OLSON.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Charles H. Ebbets, owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has decided to retain Ivan Olson, shortstop, at least until after the spring training season. Olson had requested his release, saying he wanted to negotiate for the management of the Vernon Pacific Coast League club,

## BLONDES WIN MATCH

Outroll 'Brunettes' in Northwest Girls' Duckpin League.

Miss E. Charlton, of the Blondes, rolled three of the most exceptional scores registered on local alleys this season when her team appeared against the Brunettes in the Northwest Girls' Duckpin League. They were 38, 43, and 49.

Her team won two games out of three at that. The scores:

BLONDES.		
Miss H. McAleer	31	78
Miss E. Charlton	38	43
Miss E. Metcalf	49	76
Miss J. Waldron	21	63
Miss L. Hopkins	29	64
Totals	221	324

BRUNETTES.

Miss G. Smith	26	79
Miss L. Labanah	28	56
Miss D. Helmich	25	62
Miss E. Kimball	61	67
Totals	300	322

## TEMPERAMENT BIG

ASSET IN BOWLING

Pinspinner With Fiery Temper Is Handicapped—Carroll a Striking Example.

Temperament, it is said, either makes or breaks one aspiring to become a skilled golfer. The same applies to one who would be a star bowler. A person with steady nerves and of calm spirit enters either game with much in his favor. One not possessing these qualities may attain success, but labors under a handicap.

This prelude has to do with an interesting discussion which took place among several veteran bowlers at the Royal yesterday, dealing with the faults and good qualities of the city's career pinspinner.

## Is Ideal Bowler.

It was pointed out that Harry Krauss, long considered the most capable local roller, owes much of his success to an even temperament. "One never sees Krauss lose his temper because of bad breaks or blown spares," said one of the veterans. "When the Dutchman makes a good 'hit,' and gets a split, or places the ball where it should be placed to make a spare, and have a pin or two remain standing, he never becomes riled, and permit himself to be unsteady. He meets and accepts good and bad luck in the same spirit and plugs along making the most of everything."

Said another: "Johnny Vaeth (the Grand Central star) can roll duckpins as well as any one I know, but his temperament, as shown on the alleys, is not so well suited to the game as Krauss'. Vaeth, from appearances, takes everything to heart. When things break wrong it irritates him. It may be that Vaeth is more enthusiastic, as shown on the alleys, more to him to 'get what he hits for.'"

## Carroll Has Fault.

Bernie Carroll, the well-known Royal, is a fine example of how temperament affects a bowler's ability. Many times when Carroll hits the headpin and gets a poor break he "goes up in the air," and shoots the remaining spheres down the alley in half-haphazard fashion to get the scattered maples. Eliminating this fault, it is believed, Carroll could add four or five pins to his average, which would make him the leading bowler of the city.

Charley Wright, of the crack Continentals, has the same weakness. Carroll could materially increase his average through careful cleaning up of the pins after splitting 'em.

## TOMORROW'S BOWLING.

A District—Shermans vs. Resolutes, at Royal.

National Capital—Dumbartons vs. Palace, at Georgetown.

Postoffice—Registry vs. Supplies; Independents vs. Mailing, at Postoffice.

Navy Yard—Torpedos vs. Foundry, at Capitol Hill.

Agriculture—Jubbar—Crops vs. Esplanade, at Capitol Hill.

Commercial—Judd & Detweiler vs. Barber & Rose, at Palace.

Capitol Hill—Marines vs. Southland, at Capitol Hill.

Bureau of Engraving and Printing—Fankes vs. Machinists, at Rathskeller.

Georgetown Commercial—Morning Glories vs. C. and C. Supply, at Georgetown.

Southeast—Steel Plant vs. Model Lunch, at Southeast.

Departmental—Treasury vs. Land, at Arcade.

Capital City—Indians vs. Buckey's, at Rathskeller.

Specials, at Rathskeller.

M. Pleasant—Colonials vs. Princetons, at Arcade.

Arcade—Benedicts vs. King's Palace, at Arcade.

Columbia—Webers vs. Congressmen, at Columbia.

Bureau of Standards—Unions vs. Crackerjacks, at Arcade.

Interstate—Dockets vs. Claims, at Arcade.

Washington City Tenpin—Pioneers vs. Agriculture, at Royal.

Hyattsville—Arcades vs. Comets, at Hyattsville.

## GETS HIGH HONOR.

E. V. Otts was the best marksman at the weekly shoot of the Annapolis Gun Club yesterday afternoon. He broke 95 clay out of 100. Otts broke his first 57.

R. T. Livesey won class A spoon with 45 down out of 50. Four members tied for class B prize—W. H. Dean, A. B. Stine, Miles Taylor, and O. A. Phelps each getting 44 out of 50. Taylor won the loss-off against Stine, as Dean and Phelps left the club before prizes were awarded.

J. C. Wynkoop took class C prize, with 39 down.

## BASEBALL SERIES

TO BE TALKED UP

Several Coaches Want to Adhere to Long High School Series This Spring.

Arguments for and against the twenty-game series in high school baseball for the coming spring may be raised by the coming athletic advisers during the winter. Despite the fact that the series last year was poorly attended, there was much interest in the title event throughout.

Paul White, coach of the Business team, is strongly in favor of the twenty-game series. Each team meets the other twice, playing eight games in all for the title.

## Wants Longer Series.

"I am strong for the twenty-game series," said White. "Last year, after the boys got over their nervousness and were down to playing ball, some fine games were staged. I distinctly remember several games won by one run, which were creditable performances all around."

"We can teach boys a lot of baseball if we know we are not staking a championship on a single game. The ten-game series is too short to determine a real winner, and I hope we can get grounds for a long series again this year," said White.

## Develops More Boys.

One or two other coaches favor the twenty-game series as being the best developer of youngsters. Some claim the long series detracts from the interest in the game. There are two sides to the question, and the championship aspect seems to the coaches the smaller of the two.

It is pointed out that the long series tends to give all of the teams a better chance to win in the end. Breaks in the highly single baseball game and the better team is beaten. Luck plays an important factor in the decisions, but those in charge maintain that the long stretch should be given another trial before being condemned.

## Postponements Occur.

The annual competitive drill and the Shakespearean pageant cut in on the series last year, and postponements which were unexpected caused considerable delay in the games. This year, if suitable grounds can be obtained, several of the advisers may vote to give the long series another trial.

The matter will probably be brought up at the next faculty advisers' meeting along with the eligibility rules for the athletes, long due for consideration.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Both Central and Western have scheduled basketball games with Tome School later in the year. Central had a football game slated for last fall, which was called off on account of the late start made by both schools.

Eastern will probably be without the services of Eddie Tomlin, who pitched the Capitol Hill side to a baseball championship last spring. According to the latest reports Tomlin is in St. Louis and is expected to get a big league tryout when the spring opens.

Central basketball received a real setback when Howard Cissell, captain of the team, was reported with pneumonia. Just before the Eastern game the other day, it was reported that Cissell was taken to the hospital for an operation. He is also captain of the championship tennis team, and the possessor of the only dual honor at Central in the captaincy line.

Ed Kelly, former Business High School pitcher, is at Yale University and is expected to get out with the freshman team as soon as the call comes for indoor work. Kelly was at Dean Academy last year.

Willie Thomas, of Eastern, is coming in for all sorts of praise. S. T. Kimball, coach of Eastern last year, discovered Thomas. "I never saw more energy in 115 pounds in my life," said Kimball. "He has earned his letter in basketball, football, and baseball, which is quite an achievement."

Western is the only team in the high school circuit which has absolutely green material for basketball. The Westerners retained but one player, Harry Chamberlain, who was in part of a high school game last year.

Coach Brunner, of Central's swimming team, thinks well of J. Call. Brunner says Call will develop into a star swimmer with a few more years of experience. Call recently won two events in the inter-class meet, showing the way home in the sprint events.

As school starts early next fall, September 1 being the date set for the gathering, the high school faculty advisers chose October 19 as the opener for the football campaign.

## MAY TRADE SNODGRASS

Braves Considering Deal for Bescher or Wilson, of Cards.

BOSTON, Jan. 7.—The Boston Nationals are considering an offer made by Manager Miller Huggins of the St. Louis Club to trade either Bescher or Wilson, both outfielders, for Snodgrass, centerfielder of the Braves.

It was said that no final decision will be made until word is received from Manager Stallings of the local club, who is at Haddock, Ga.

## CHURCH GETS LICENSE.

RHINECLANDER, Wis., Jan. 7.—The State boxing commission has authorized Rhineclander to have a boxing club in a church. The license will be issued to the Rev. R. Wedge, at one time a clever welterweight. The parishioners have organized a boxing class among his Sunday school students.

"Boxing is not wrong in itself," the Rev. Mr. Wedge said. "The art of fighting with mitts is a good thing for any boy."

## SHERMAN TO MEET

YOUNG CUE ARTIST

Matches Scheduled January 15, 16, and 17 With Greenleaf, Title Contender.

Frank S. Sherman, former world's champion pocket billiard player and now chief exponent of the game here, will meet Ralph Greenleaf, youthful contender for the title, in a series of matches to be staged at the Royal on the nights of January 15, 16, and 17. A total of 125 points will be played each night.

The scheduled contests between the veteran and the youngster hold unusual interest. Greenleaf is only eighteen years of age and already has competed for the championship. He was defeated a short time ago in a match for the title by the present champion, Traversky, but has met and beaten practically every other pocket billiard player in the country.

Sherman is practicing for the coming competition with the boy and expects to give the latter a worth-while battle, if not trim him. In the days of his prime Greenleaf probably would have been an easy victim for the veteran, but health partly dulled his game, but he still ranks among the foremost performers of the world.

At the present time Greenleaf is winning from everyone he plays in exhibitions.

## BOB THAYER'S

Sporting Gossip

The Hammer-Wielders' Association, of New York, never found such marvelous material as Les Darcy.

Australia's middleweight titleholder is being criticized for his failure to enlist, but we who dwell amid scenes of peace and quiet should remember that Albert Badou, the French boxer, and Freddie Welsh, Tom Cowler, and Ted Lewis are all eligible to join the colors of the British army. If the Australian is to be censured for "lighting out," what is to be done with the quartet of boxers named?

They are all liable to military duty over the water. Returning to their native lands, they would immediately be examined and added to the armed forces now in conflict. Les Darcy may fall far short of heroic stature, but they're others.

## Kid Williams has yet to issue his

challenge to Les Darcy.

The popularity of local college teams with the Naval Academy is reaching the point where the most satisfactory relations obtain. This is as it should be. Of late years local college teams in all branches of sport have worked up to a point where they are considered worthy foemen. The Navy is quick to see the advantage of scheduling the Washington teams.

Georgetown, C. U., and George Washington are on the Navy basketball schedule, while two of these teams play the Midshipmen in baseball. Maryland State, Catholic University, and Georgetown are on the Navy football schedule. What could be fairer we ask? No long jump is needed in transporting teams from here, the guarantees are not excessive and results are satisfactory both ways.

## Big Time Saturday.

Fans from far and near will gather at the Y. M. C. A. Saturday night when Catholic University and George Washington battle. The meeting is sure to be productive of some real healthy basketball. G. W. U. was defeated by C. U. last year, but is stronger this season.

The Hatchettes will be somewhat better fortified than C. U. owing to the fact that the lookalikes meet the Navy on Wednesday and are bound to feel the effects of the battle. Western High is slated at Georgetown, Saturday afternoon for a contest with the reps in Ryan Gymnasium.

## RACING DATES OUT

Schedule of Meetings for 1917 Announced for Tracks.

The 1917 racing dates are out. Announcement is made today of the various tracks and the length of the meetings for all engagements as follows:

Tia Juana.....Nov. 11, 100 days  
Juarez.....Nov. 30, 100 days  
Havana.....Dec. 7-Mar. 18  
New Orleans.....Jan. 1-Feb. 20  
Hot Springs, Ark.....Mar. 3-22  
Hot Springs, Ark.....Apr. 23-May 11  
Lexington, Ky.....May 12-25  
Louisville, Ky.....May 12-25  
Delorimer Park, Montreal.....May 19-26  
Toronto.....May 19-26  
Louisville, Ky.....May 26-June 9  
Montreal (Dorval).....May 26-June 9  
Tatonia, Ky.....June 11-July 4  
Mt. Royal Park, Montreal.....June 11-July 4  
Ottawa.....June 12-23  
Maisonnette Park, Montreal.....June 12-23  
Hamilton.....June 26-July 3  
Delorimer Park, Montreal.....June 26-July 3

June 30-July 7  
Windsor (Devonshire).....June 30-July 7  
Fort Erie.....July 4-11  
King Edward Park, Montreal.....July 9-16  
Windsor.....July 14-21  
Windsor Park, Montreal.....July 21-28  
Hamilton.....July 25-Aug. 1  
Fort Erie.....Aug. 1-8  
Maisonnette Park, Montreal.....Aug. 1-8  
King Edward Park, Montreal.....Aug. 12-19  
Windsor.....Aug. 12-19  
Windsor Park, Montreal.....Aug. 20-27  
Windsor (Kenilworth).....Aug. 23-30  
Montreal (Dorval).....Sept. 1-8  
Montreal (Dorval).....Sept. 11-18  
Ottawa.....Sept. 20-27  
Windsor Park, Montreal.....Sept. 20-27  
Windsor (Kenilworth).....Oct. 9-16

## SI PAUXITS SIGNS.

CHESTER, Pa., Jan. 7.—Si Pauxits, Penn's old football and baseball star, yesterday signed up for a term of years as director of athletics at the Pennsylvania Military College, according to an announcement made by Capt. Frank K. Hyatt, of the athletic board.

## PAYNE ELECTED.

At a meeting of the Y. M. C. A. boys' basketballs last night, Bryce Payne, a forward, was elected captain of the team, and Edwin Bratburd, who recently moved here from Cleveland, was made publicity manager.

## BASKETBALL GETS

START THIS WEEK

Real Winter Campaign Opens Up With Many Scheduled Floor Battles.

There will be plenty of basketball on tap for the fans during the week. While George Washington is away in Philadelphia tomorrow night tackling the Temple University quint, Gallaudet will be working hard in preparation for its game with Georgetown in Ryan gym on Wednesday afternoon.

The Gallaudet lads are in no way disheartened over their 21-to-19 defeat at the hands of St. John's College, in Annapolis, yesterday. The two-point margin is more than offset by the fact that the team played on a strange floor. While the Kendall Greeners were never in the van, a bit of luck might have won out for them.

Georgetown will be met in the Ryan gym, and the game is slated as a matinee affair, the Gallaudet faculty ruling that basketball cannot be staged for the players on week nights. John O'Reilly has had the Hilltoppers at work since Thursday, hauling them back from their holiday recess for a lot of floor work.

## C. U. Meets Navy.

Catholic University is to oppose the Navy quint on Wednesday afternoon. Jim Colliflower's middies have won five games in a row, and are expected to add another. Yale was defeated yesterday afternoon by 23 to 21, Navy's commanding lead in the first ten minutes sufficing to prove too big a handicap for the Eli tossers.

No effort has been made to detract from the Navy win, but it was remembered that Yale played Loyola in Baltimore Friday night, and, knowing this, Colliflower pushed the visitors to the limit and was rewarded with a win.

Catholic University defeated Yale here two years ago, but this season is rated at nowhere near the strength of the Eli team. Wednesday's game should be a good one, even though C. U. will be minus the services of Gallivan and Cartwright, two star players.

## Kids Are Active

Western and Technial are due for a basketball game in the High School League on Tuesday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A., while on Friday, two of the best games of the schedule are expected. Tech will meet Central and Business will stack up against the scrappy little Eastern team.

Tech is having its hands full this week. Aside from the two games already scheduled, Gonzaga will be played on Wednesday at the Gonzaga gym. Unless all signs fall the Manual Trainers are due for a loss in one of the three scheduled battles.

Gallaudet begins its trips on Friday which will wind up with the University of Virginia game at Charlottesville, Va., the next day. On Friday the Kendall Green five will play the Fishbourne Military Academy at Waynesboro, Va. Georgetown is entertaining the Hopkins Independents on Friday in Ryan gym.

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## WOULD PLAY TENNIS

Easterners Want to Stage East-West Series With Coast Men.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—A plan is under way to play an East vs. West series of lawn tennis team matches this winter on the Pacific Coast as soon as George M. Church and Harold Throckmorton, the New Jersey stars, return from their quest of the Far East championship in Manila.

Two of the following players from this section of the country have been mentioned as likely to make the journey to the coast and there team up with Church and Throckmorton against the West: Robert Lindley Murray, Karl H. Behr, and Joseph J. Armstrong.

These players would make a formidable combination for anybody that might be brought against them, although it is not definitely settled just which of the trio named will be able to make the necessary arrangements for the trip. Murray, while a native of California, is now located in the East and will represent this side of the continent if he says yes.

William M. Johnston, Clarence J. Griffin, Johnny Strachan, Maurice McLoughlin, and Roland Roberts, all Californians, are among those from whom the West would have no trouble in making a selection to face the invasion from the East. On the asphalt courts of California the native sons would be at a distinct advantage over their Eastern rivals, as was the case last year when the two sections met on the coast.

## JUAREZ ENTRIES.

First race—Selling: three-year-olds and upward; one mile. Serventice, 114; Comendation, 100; Lady Lombard, 101; Cecil, 102; Gogarty, 112; Oldsmobile, 112; Certain Point, 110; Upright, 100; Safe Home, 106; Charity Ward, 106; Smiling Marge, 107; Mary E. 106; 96.

Second race—Selling: four-year-olds and upward; one mile. Serventice, 114; Comendation, 100; Lady Lombard, 101; Cecil, 102; Gogarty, 112; Oldsmobile, 112; Certain Point, 110; Upright, 100; Safe Home, 106; Charity Ward, 106; Smiling Marge, 107; Mary E. 106; 96.

Third race—Selling: three-year-olds and upward; five furlongs. Labelle, 106; Cecil, 102; Gogarty, 112; Oldsmobile, 112; Certain Point, 110; Upright, 100; Safe Home, 106; Charity Ward, 106; Smiling Marge, 107; Mary E. 106; 96.

Fourth race—Selling: four-year-olds and upward; seven furlongs. Labelle, 106; Cecil, 102; Gogarty, 112; Oldsmobile, 112; Certain Point, 110; Upright, 100; Safe Home, 106; Charity Ward, 106; Smiling Marge, 107; Mary E. 106; 96.

Fifth race—Selling: three-year-olds and upward; six furlongs. Labelle, 106; Cecil, 102; Gogarty, 112; Oldsmobile, 112; Certain Point, 110; Upright, 100; Safe Home, 106; Charity Ward, 106; Smiling Marge, 107; Mary E. 106; 96.

Sixth race—